

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 11491

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SCUL SY US IT  
SUBJ: RETURN OF ROMAN MOSAIC TO SYRIA

REF: STATE 188549; ROME 10251

1. WE HAVE TALKED HERE ON STRICTLY PERSONAL BASIS WITH SHIPPING AGENTS FOR VARIOUS MARITIME COMPANIES SERVING MEDITERRANEAN. THEY ARE IMPRESSED WITH POTENTIAL PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS VALUE OF SHIPPING MOSAIC FROM UNITED STATES TO SYRIA (PERHAPS VIA BEIRUT IF SHIPS DO NOT CALL AT LATAKIA). THEY BELIEVE THAT THIS VALUE WOULD JUSTIFY COST OF SHIPPING MOSAIC FREE OF CHARGE, OBSERVING THAT THERE IS BUSINESS TO BE DONE WITH SYRIANS BUT LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR SHIPPING LINES TO DISPLAY DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL AND FRIENDLY TO SARG.

2. INASMUCH AS AGENTS HERE HAVE NO RPT NO POWER OF DECISION AND WE HAVE NO DETAILS ON WEIGHT, SIZE, ETC. OF MOSAIC, SUGGEST THAT DEPT CONTACT NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS OF ONE OR MORE OF SHIPPING LINES WHICH SERVE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND REQ THAT THEY SHIP MOSAIC FREE OF CHARGE, IF AGREEABLE TO MUSEUM AND SARG. DEPT COULD OFFER TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION WITH SARG (VIA THIS EMBASSY AND USINT) AND HELP WITH PUBLICITY ON SHIPMENT.

3. SHIPPING LINES ARE AS FOLDS: AMERICAN EXPORT; CONCORDIA;  
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SUGGESTED TO US IS TO CONTACT DIRECTLY THE NORTH ATLANTIC  
AND MEDITERRANEAN EAST BOUND SHIPPING CONFERENCE WHICH  
HAS ITS OFFICES IN NEW YORK CITY.

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